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SUBJ: MEETING OF AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES OF SAHELIAN POSTS

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 70 (NOTAL)

DAKAR FOR AMB AND ADO, BAMAKO FOR CHARGE, NOUAKCHOTT FOR CHARGE, OUAGA FOR CHARGE, NIAMEY FOR CHARGE, NDJAMENA FOR AMB, ABIDJAN FOR REDSO, PARIS FOR HELMAN, BRUSSELS FOR USEC MARTIN, YAOUNDE FOR ADO, ROME FOR FAO

1. THE GROWING VOLUME AND COMPLEXITY OF OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE SAHELIAN STATES AND ITS COORDINATION AND POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES ARE MATTERS OF KEEN INTEREST TO THE ADDRESSEES AND TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND US PUBLIC. ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AS MAGNIFIED BY THE DROUGHT IN A REGION CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF THE POOREST IN THE WORLD DEMAND OUR BEST EFFORTS. CONSEQUENTLY SUGGESTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE EASUM FROM HIS FORMER VANTAGE POINT AS AMBASSADOR TO UPPER VOLTA THAT AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES OF THE SAHEL MEET ON THIS SUBJECT HAS GREAT MERIT. WE BELIEVE SUCH MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN ABIDJAN A DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING THE PROPOSED OUAGADOUGOU MEETING OF CILSS AND DONORS IN MID-MARCH.

2. WE ARE PLANNING SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFR, CWR AND AF TO CILSS MEETING IN OUAGA. THESE REPS WOULD THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE TO PROCEED TO ABIDJAN TO DISCUSS WITH AMB-

ASSADORS/CHARGES THE GAMUT OF SUBJECTS RELATED TO OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING REGULAR PROGRAMS, DROUGHT RELATED PROGRAMS, OUTLOOK FOR PL-480 AVAILABILITIES, COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS, ROLE OF AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED R AND R OR DROUGHT OFFICER POSITIONS AND THE EARLY RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS. PRESENTLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF MAJOR DONORS ON FOOD AND SHORT TERM QUESTIONS IN BRUSSELS IN EARLY FEBRUARY, THE MID-FEBRUARY WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON CEREALS PROJECTS, AND POSSIBLE INTERVENING MEETINGS ON ANIMAL HEALTH/LIVESTOCK PROJECTS AND SAHEL METEOROLOGY COULD ALSO BE REVIEWED.

3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ADOS, DAKAR, NIAMEY AND YAOUNDE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AADOS (R AND R OFFICERS) AND REDSO PARTICIPATE, AS WELL AS MESSRS HELMAN (PARIS), MARTIN (USEC), GOLDING (FAO/ OSRO) AND REPS FROM THE PEACE CORPS.

4. WHILE THERE ARE GOOD REASONS TO ACCEPT OUAGA'S OFFER, AS THE SITE, HOUSING AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES WOULD BE LIMITED AND AIRLINE CONNECTIONS LESS THAN IDEAL. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID ENCOURAGING SPECULATION THAT

OUR CHIEFS OF MISSIONS HAVE BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER TO
STUDY FUNDING OF THE PROPOSALS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE
CILSS MEETING.

5. ADDRESSEE COMMENTS ARE SOLICITED PROMPTLY ON DESIR-
ABILITY OF MEETING, TIMING, VENUE, AGENDA AND PARTICIPA-
TION. REALIZE SAHEL EMBASSIES HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED TO
OUAGA ON THIS QUESTION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR UPDATED
JUDGMENTS.

6. WOULD EXPECT CHIEFS OF MISSION PAY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM
FROM POST ALLOTMENT. KISSINGER

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